

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims


Applicants have added new claims 22-40. No new matter has been added and new claims 22-40 are fully supported and justified by the application as originally filed. Support for claims 22-40 can be found in the originally-filed application in, for example, the Abstract, paragraphs 0009-0012, 0030, and FIGS. 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-40 are in condition for allowance. In the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have submitted remarks that distinguish claims 1-40 from the references cited in the IDS. Accordingly, prompt consideration and allowance of claims 1-40 are respectfully requested. If further discussion regarding this Amendment is desired, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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